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Dixon, IL – The Illinois Department of Transportation announces today that weather permitting, construction work at the I-39 interchange with US 20 at the south edge of Rockford will begin on Monday, May 2, 2016. Martin & Company is starting the \$390,740 contract to make repairs to two bridges over Linden Road.

The repairs include removing the existing overlay on the structures, making concrete repairs to the bridge deck, replacing expansion joints and resurfacing the bridges. The two ramps must be closed during the construction work because they are too narrow to make the improvements while still allowing traffic to move past the work operations.

The first bridge to be repaired is the structure carrying Northbound I-39 over Linden Road to go eastbound on US 20. Northbound I-39 traffic will be detoured west on US 20 to the IL 251 interchange where they can turn to go back east on US 20. During this four week closure, the ramp from westbound US 20 to Alpine Road will also be closed. This is necessary to prevent traffic backups on the ramp from causing accidents and congestion on westbound US 20.

Following completion of the improvements to the northbound I-39 bridge, work will then begin on the ramp from eastbound US 20 to southbound I-39. During this four week closure, eastbound to southbound I-39 traffic will be detoured east to the Harrison Avenue interchange where they can turn to go back west on US 20 to the westbound to southbound ramp to I-39. All ramps are scheduled to be completed by the end of June.

Please slow down and use extreme caution while driving through all work zones.

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